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ing says, "a third may be added should sufficient material be at hand, and the author be spared to write it." All who are interested in the history of the Catholic Church in this country will understand his wishes in that quaint sentence and will add their prayers to those of his fellow-priests of Pittsburgh that he may be spared not only to complete this great work,—the result of a lifetime's study, but also to give us other equally interesting and instructive works. This is a book which should be found in every Catholic home in Western Pennsylvania. The children, who are growing up, can find no better or more practical examples of saintly hearts in whose lives the two bright fires of Love of God and Love of Country burned steadily, lighting all around them with larger hope, fuller charity and sturdier faith in the things that are above.

An Interesting Bit of Local History. A brief Sketch of St. James's Roman Catholic Church, Wilksburg, Pa. By the Rector, Rev. A. A. Lambing, D. D., Pittsburgh, 1914 (pp. 60).

On the appearance of the first number of the *Historical Researches*, which Monsignor Lambing founded thirty years ago, there was one at least who saw in prophetic vision the Awakening which was just then beginning in the Catholic historical field. At that time, he was fast making his name known as one of the foremost American writers, and in a letter which he sent to the then Father Lambing, he grows enthusiastic over the interest taken on all sides in that field. After mentioning the work of several who have since become foundation-stones in Catholic American history, he says: "I never knew a greater interest to be felt or shown in the history of Notre Mere la Ste. Eglise Catholique Apostolique et Romaine in this part of the world." John Gilmary Shea's words must have proved an incentive to Mgr. Lambing, for in the little brochure we have before us, already are traceable the grand divisions of his second volume of biographical sketches of the Pittsburgh diocese. It is a model publication, and well serves to preserve to future generations the main facts of a very interesting parochial history. There are few parishes which could not boast of similar historical narratives of their birth and growth, if the Catholic laity were more responsive in buying the same.

The Catholic Church in the City and Diocese of Richmond. Rev. Joseph Magri. 1906.

A brief history of the Diocese of Richmond by the Reverend Father Joseph Magri published in 1906 has come to our hands for notice.